

Community Living Program Grants

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Project Summary:

Alabama Department of Senior Services (ADSS) in partnership with S. Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC) and other stakeholders propose a consumer directed approach to service delivery for aging and disabled individuals and caregivers. Project Goal: ADSS will implement program and infrastructure changes in methods which State Units on Aging (SUAs) and Area Agencies on Aging(AAAs) manage persons at high risk of Medicaid spend down and nursing home placement, utilizing best practices to transform Alabama's long-term care system.

Objectives:

- 1) Establish a fully functioning ADSS in SARPC;
- 2) Identify individuals at high risk of nursing home placement and Medicaid spend down;
- 3) Develop formal policies for "Prioritization" as a method to provide a sustainable community living program in Alabama and utilize the DON assessment to target individuals at greatest risk;
- 4) Provide a mix of flexible person-centered services with a cash and counseling model based on assessed needs and preferences;
- 5) Utilize 20% of grant funds and Title III funds providing person-centered services to a minimum of 50 individuals during the 24 month project;
- 6) ADSS will provide direction and oversight for the infrastructure development of brokerage and fee-for-service case management, cost sharing, and private pay resources;
- 7) ADSS will develop protocol and guidelines to apply for VDHCB program for SARPC

Outcomes:

- 1) Infrastructure supporting consumer directed programs;
- 2) Strengthened capacity providing streamlined information and long-term care counseling;
- 3) Clients served based on greatest need and risk of spend down and nursing home placement.